Table 9. Underground Natural Gas Storage - All Operators, 1997-2003

(Volumes in Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Natural Gas in Underground Storage at End of Period			Change In Working Gas from Same Period Previous Year		Storage Activity		
	Base Gas	Working Gas	Total ^b	Volume	Percent	Injections	Withdrawals	Net Withdrawals ^c
1997 Total ^a		_	_	_	_	2,800	2,824	24
1998 Totala		_	_	_	_	2,905	2,379	-526
1999 Totala		_	_	_	_	2,598	2,772	174
2000 Total ^a		_	-	_	_	2,684	3,498	814
2001								
January	4,344	1,265	5,609	-495	-28.1	92	588	496
February	4,328	912	5,241	-391	-30.0	74	414	339
March	4,300	742	5,042	-412	-35.7	116	298	183
April	4.261	992	5,253	-210	-17.5	349	70	-279
May	4,309	1,440	5,749	7	0.5	520	41	-479
June	4,310	1,882	6,193	165	9.6	490	49	-441
July	4,315	2,261	6,576	258	12.9	451	66	-385
August	4,313	2,576	6,889	377	17.1	386	79	-307
September	4,318	2,944	7,262	450	18.0	413	41	-372
October	4,310	3,144	7,454	412	15.1	282	93	-190
November	4,301	3,254	7,555	812	33.2	210	138	-73
December	4,301	2,904	7,204	1,185	68.9	80	432	352
Total		_	_	_	_	3,464	2,309	-1,156
2002								
January	4,313	2.344	6,657	1,078	85.2	59	605	546
February	4,356	1.838	6,194	925	101.4	55	517	462
March	4,355	1,518	5,873	776	104.7	105	425	320
April	4,355	1.659	6.014	666	67.1	237	111	-126
May	4,361	1,968	6,329	528	36.7	381	58	-323
June	4,355	2,308	6,663	426	22.6	395	56	-339
July	4,358	2,539	6,896	278	12.3	341	101	-239
August	4.357	2.773	7.130	198	7.7	322	89	-234
September	4,342	3,042	7,384	97	3.3	364	72	-292
October	4,342	3,116	7,458	-28	-0.9	229	145	-84
November	4.344	2.929	7,273	-325	-10.0	124	322	198
December	4,340	2,375	6,715	-528	-18.2	66	624	558
Total		_	_	_	_	2,679	3,126	447
2003								
January	4,342	1,534	5,876	-810	-34.5	44	886	841
February	4,334	864	5,198	-974	-53.0	48	723	676
March	4,324	735	5,059	-783	-51.6	169	303	134
April	4,315	900	5,215	-759	-45.7	278	118	-160

^a Total as of December 31.

Notes: Data for 1997 through 2001 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise noted. See Explanatory Note 6 for discussion

of revision policy. Gas in storage at the end of a reporting period may not equal the quantity derived by adding or subtracting net injections or withdrawals during the period to the quantity of gas in storage at the beginning of the period. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Sources: Form EIA-191, "Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report," and Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition."

b Total underground storage capacity at the end of each calendar year (in billion cubic feet): 1997 - 8,332; 1998 - 8,179; 1999 - 8,229; 2000 - 8,241; and 2001 - 8,415.

c Negative numbers indicate the volume of injections in excess of withdrawals. Positive numbers indicate the volume of withdrawals in excess.

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Not Applicable.